**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

Date: April 11th 2018

Present: Nirupa Matthan, Brent Cochran, Roman Schumann, Virginia Chomitz, Mitch McVey, Roger Tobin, and Rob Jacob (via webex).

Invited Speakers from OVPR:

Kara E. Charmanski, (Director, Business Operations)

Zoya Davis-Hamilton, (Associate Vice Provost for Research Administration and Development)

**AGENDA ITEMS**

1. **Overview of the OVPR re-structuring**

Kara provided an overview of how the OVPR is organized around six key themes: Strategic Initiatives; Research Administration and Development; Research Compliance; Laboratory Animal Medicine; Technology Transfer and Industry Collaboration; and Business Operations. She also mentioned that the OVPR oversees the Postdoctoral Scholars program.

1. **Roles and Responsibilities**

Both Kara and Zoya discussed their roles and responsibilities and then we had the opportunity to ask questions.

***Key issues discussed:***

* RAS modules, their implementation and roll out process
  + Proposal development (pre-award)
  + Institutional proposal
  + Award module
  + Award budget tool (post-award)
* Flexibility of the software
* Data warehouse concerns and possible replacement with Tablo and Axiom
* IT roadmap to identify and prioritize research needs

1. **Faculty Satisfaction Survey**

Zoya talked about their annual survey process to gauge faculty satisfaction. The committee suggested providing input on the survey questions prior to distribution.

Action Items:

Several members of the committee will be finishing their term as senator, so next meeting we will review the process for replacement and map out potential agenda items.